## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER NO. LTC # 300-2010

## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE:

November 8, 2010

SUBJECT: Washington Dog Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The purpose of this LTC is to cordially invite you to attend the Washington Dog Park Ribbon cutting Ceremony on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. The park is located at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Washington Avenue. Please see the attached invitation. Also please be advised this date has previously been held on your calendars.

The dog park at Washington Park is our newest and most dog friendly site yet. In June of 2009 the City Commission authorized \$60,836 for the construction of this facility. During the June Commission discussion, it was expressed that this park should be 'something special' and the Administration was requested to work with interested residents to collectively design the park.

Representatives from the community, the SoFi K9 organization comprised mainly of residents south of Fifth Street and the RDO (Responsible Dog Owners) met on a number of occasions to not only design the park but develop a fundraising program with the goal to raise an additional \$40,000 to fund components including but not limited to a water spray fountain for the dogs, extra benches, trash receptacles and dog bag dispensers and an ecofriendly rain water collection system that would augment the water for the irrigation in the park. The fundraising activities included individual donations from the SoFi K9 group to assist in the purchase of the water spray feature and extra benches and the sale of engraved memorial bricks and engraved memorial concrete sidewalk flags for the purchase of the rain water system, additional landscaping and a drinking fountain with a dog water bowl. We are pleased to advise you that the goal of raising the \$40,000 was exceeded much to the generosity of the SoFi K9 members and the community, the park is completed and we are eager to open the park.

Please join us on Nov. 13, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. to cut the ribbon on this exciting project that will have Washington Park going to the dogs!

Thank you in advance and if you have additional questions please contact Kevin Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation at 7730.

JMG/HMF/KS

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calling all dogs...

## Washington Park

**GOING TO THE DOGS!** 

Join us at the
Grand Opening PAW ty Celebration!
for our newest dog park
November 13, 2010 • 10:00 a.m.

2nd & Washington Ave. MB

Special thanks to the **SoFi K9s** for their support!



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